(b) whether these railway projects have been abandoned; and

(c) the reasons for not starting the railway projects of these States, which are pending for ten years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) There are no pending Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh for which clearances are to be obtained. However, a number of projects as included in the Budget are in various stages of progress.

(c) There are no projects in these States which have been included in the Budget more than ten year back and not taken up.

Safety measures in ladies compartments

5212. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are aware that the safety measures are inadequate in the ladies compartments of trains in Kerala;

(b) whether Railways propose to introduce adequate safety measures to protect the interest of women passengers;

(c) whether Railways propose to depute women police in the ladies compartment; and

(d) if so, the details of the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Though maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railway premises including Railway Stations and running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the Railways co-ordinate with the State Governments for ensuring better security to the passengers. The Railway administration has taken the following steps :

1. Anti-social elements are being removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.
2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keeps proper watch on the passengers' entering/detraining from the coaches.
3. Coaches are locked during night hours.
4. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Station Masters/ RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.

5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and the GRP is done at all levels.

6. Announcements are made through Public Address System and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

7. RPF Assistance Posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

9. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

10. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constables of GRP and RPF.

(c) and (d) Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

Rail projects in Tamil Nadu

5213. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new projects have been included for implementation during the last three years;

(b) State-wise details of the above projects and their budget allocation; and

(c) details regarding pending projects in Tamil Nadu, which are not included for implemenation and reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) A total of 44 new projects comprising New Line, Doubling, Gauge Conversion, Railway Electrification and Metropolitan Transport have been included in the budget during the last three years.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) No project which has been included in the budget, is pending for implementation in Tamil Nadu.